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SUBJECT: HORN POLICY UPDATE

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1. REF A PROVIDES TALKING POINTS ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF US HORN POLICY FOR USE WITH NATO ALLIES AT A PERMREPS LUNCH (REF B). THIS UPDATE WILL BE WELCOMED HERE, PARTICULARLY BY THOSE ALLIES THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE EC OR ARE NOT BEING APPROACHED DIRECTLY IN CAPITALS.

2. IF WASHINGTON AGREES, WE WOULD PREFER TO BRIEF ON THE HORN DURING THE RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE JUNE 14 NAC RATHER THAN AT THE JUNE 13 PERMREPS LUNCH. WE RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS OF CONFIDENTIALITY RESULTING FROM THE LUNCH FORMAT. HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE INCREASINGLY SUGGESTS THAT US INTEREST IN COMPLETE REPORTING ON INTERVENTIONS ON ISSUES SUCH AS THE HORN ARE BETTER SERVED BY USING THE RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE NAC, WHERE NOTETAKERS ARE PRESENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION BY OOB JUNE 13 TO BRIEF ON THE HORN DURING THE RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE JUNE 14 NAC. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, STRESS THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF OUR BRIEFING AND URGE APPROPRIATE INTERNAL HANDLING.
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